

Budget Recommendations

Children and Youth At Risk

Fiscal Year 1999, Fiscal Year 1998 Supplementals



Today's Children will lead Utah into the 21st Century

HIGHLIGHTS

**\$55.1 million in New Funds
for Children and Youth at Risk**

Improving Children's Health \$26.8 million

\$17,775,900	Medical and Insurance Services
450,000	Statewide Immunization Efforts
330,600	Mental Health Services
8,071,700	Children's Special Health Care Clinic

Protecting Children from Abuse and Neglect \$10.8 million

\$ 4,348,800	Foster Care/Group Care
208,000	Foster Care Licensors
143,600	Statewide Foster Care Review Boards
4,949,100	Adoption Assistance In-State Custody
320,000	Home Monitoring Pilot Project
200,000	Domestic Violence - Children's Treatment

Providing Safety and Structure for Delinquent Youth \$7.3 million

\$ 3,350,000	In and Out of State Community Alternatives
968,100	Case Management Services
1,653,400	Secure Facility Placements for Delinquent Youth

Educating At Risk Children and Youth \$5.1 million

\$ 2,000,000	Education for Youth in Custody
1,000,000	Alternative Language Education
622,000	Preschool Special Education
775,000	At Risk Students and Highly Impacted
389,500	Services for Deaf and Blind Students
300,000	Truancy and Intervention Prevention

Improving Child Care \$5.0 million

\$ 2,450,000	Child Care Rates
2,463,300	Child Care Cases for Low Income Families
75,000	Drop-In Day Care Licensing Staff

**The Children's Health Insurance Program
Insuring 45,000 Utah Children**

Partnering with Utah hospitals, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), will help insure 97 percent of Utah children by the year 2001. Aggressive outreach efforts will insure 45,000 uninsured children:

- 30,000 children will qualify for CHIP
- 15,000 children will qualify for Medicaid

The CHIP provides:

- an **insurance plan** for children under age 19 who are **not eligible for Medicaid** and whose family income is **below 201 percent** of the federal poverty level (\$32,100 for a family of four)

a seamless **multi-provider network** program that allows children to move in and out of different insurance plans as the family's income changes

Members of the Utah Association of Health Care Providers will provide a consistent and reliable source of funding to help generate state funds. The program, starting in April 1998, will be brought to full participation as quickly as possible.

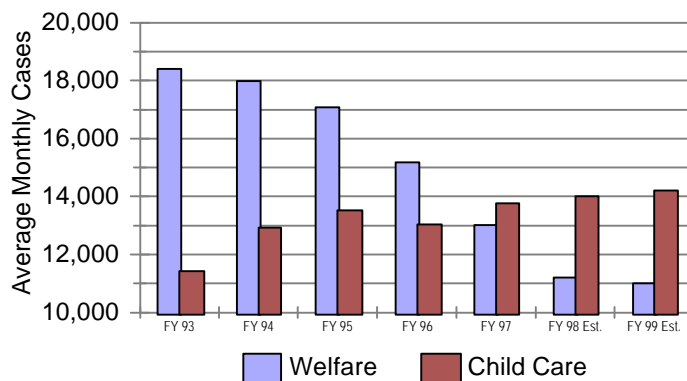
**The HealthPrint Report Card
How are we doing with health care?**

Using the Health Policy Commission for health care reform debate and discussion, Utah has taken major steps to improve health care access and quality:

	FY 1999	Long-term care Substance Abuse Children's Health Ins.
	FY 1998	Substance Abuse Immunizations Children's Health Insurance
	FY 1997	School Health Open Enrollment Rural Health Care Medical Education
	FY 1996	Insurance Reform Medical Savings Accounts Health Plan Consumer Satisfaction Report Cards
	FY 1995	Insurance Reform Health Data Collection Area Health Education Centers
FY 1994		Insurance Reform Medicaid Managed Care Medicaid Expansion for Children, the Aged, and the Disabled

The Welfare / Child Care Relationship

Caseload Trends

**Features of
Quality Child Care
for Low Income Working Families**

- Maintaining the state assistance rate for child care at the 75th percentile of market rates to ensure equal access to quality care.
- Allowing parents to choose their own child care provider and to make direct payments promotes parental choice and self sufficiency.
- Consolidating child care support services with job training, counseling, placement, and temporary financial assistance within Workforce Services facilitates the shift from welfare to the workforce.
- Providing education and training to employers about the advantages of employer provided child care services keeps parents in the workforce.

**Efforts on Behalf of
Abused and Neglected Children**

Since 1994, the state has appropriated, or the governor is currently recommending, an additional \$264.7 million to help children who have experienced abuse and neglect. This includes:

\$ 12,500,000	Prosecution and Legal Efforts
3,700,000	Improved Judicial Process
9,500,000	Children's Advocacy
62,700,000	Investigation and Case Management
91,600,000	Foster Care, Group Care, Shelter Placements and Treatment
18,800,000	Health and Mental Services for Children in Protective Custody
12,700,000	Preventative and Family Reunification
21,500,000	Permanency Efforts for Children in Protective Custody
20,000,000	Technology Improvements
4,500,000	Staff Quality
7,400,000	Child Welfare System Improvements

A key component to move able adults from welfare into the workforce is the availability and affordability of quality child care for their children.

The cost to the state for a family on welfare assistance is more than **2.2** times higher than the cost of child care assistance.

The Division of Child and Family Services has seen the caseload increase 74% since 1993.

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Children in Protective Custody
Caseload Trend

